

REMARKS

Claims 17-37 remain in this application. Claims 1-16 were previously canceled. Entry of this Amendment and reconsideration of the application are requested.

Claim 18 is rewritten above in independent form, to reflect that the outer rotor surfaces each have at least partially the recited friction surface, and to exclude the extraneous limitation "wherein each friction lining is associated with an individual application device" previously appearing in line 9 of claim 17. It is respectfully submitted that, in view of the comments provided in section 7 on page 6 of the Office Action, currently amended claim 18 is patentable.

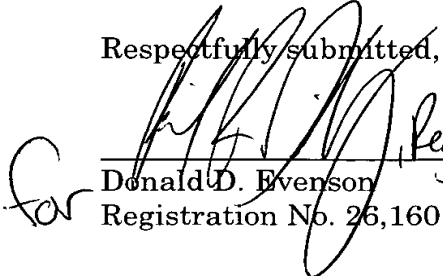
Claim 17 is amended above to eliminate certain unnecessary limitations and to incorporate the limitations previously appearing in claim 18. It is respectfully submitted that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) set forth in sections 5-6 on pages 2-5 of the Office Action are moot as a result, and that claim 17 and the claims depending thereon are patentable for the same reasons as claim 18.

This application will be allowable for reasons discussed above after entry of this Amendment. Entry of the Amendment and reconsideration of the application are again requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions after considering this Amendment, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

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